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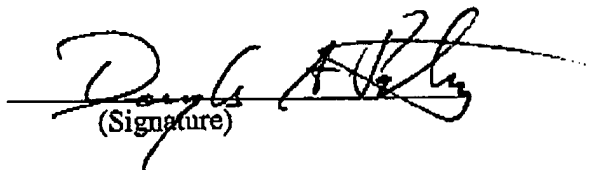
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Dear Sir:

The patentee hereby requests removal of small entity status in the above-identified patent.

Small Entity Status was asserted in the filing of the above-identified application.

Thereafter, the application was assigned to ATTO Bioscience Inc. through the assignments recorded as documented in the Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) dated May 30, 2005, which is of record. On or about July 1, 2004, ATTO Bioscience Inc. was acquired by Becton, Dickinson and Company. Becton, Dickinson and Company is not a Small Entity and thus this application is no longer entitled to small entity status.

Through error, the patentee failed to timely notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the loss of entitlement of small entity status prior to the payment of the issue fee and publication fee, as required by 37 CFR §1.27(g)(2), which fees were paid on July 26, 2006. Therefore, the patentee herein calculates and pays the deficiency owed.

The itemization of the deficiency owed is as follows:

Type of fee erroneously paid as small entity	Small entity fee actually paid	Date fee paid	Current large entity fee	Deficiency owed
Issue Fee	\$700	July 26, 2006	\$1510	\$810
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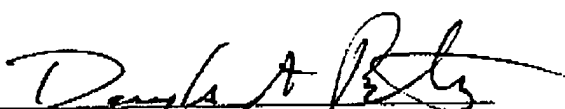
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Respectfully submitted,

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